

U.S. Application No.: 09/876,830
Response dated February 17, 2004
Reply to Office Action of January 16, 2004

REMARKS

The Office Action dated January 16, 2004, examined claims 27-29, 32-38 and 41-64, finding claims 27-29, 32-36, 41-57, 48-57 and 62-64 in condition for allowance. However, claims 37, 38, and 58-61 stand rejected. These rejection(s) and objection(s) are respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

Claims Rejections – 35 USC §112

Claims 37, 38 and 58-61 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. More specifically, the Examiner states that claims 37-38 recite that Ar¹ or Ar² is indirectly substituted with Ar³; however it is unclear what is Ar³ since there is not a definition of said moiety in the claims.

In reply, Applicants have amended claims 37 and 38 to specifically recite that the designator "Ar³" refers to an aryl group as defined within Applicants' specification. Claims 58-61 depend from claims 37 or 38, and should be in condition for allowance after claims 37 and 38 are in condition for allowance

In view of this amendment, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested. Should any issue require attention prior to allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (425) 482-5153 to resolve the matter.

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